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shadiest, crookedest lawyers you can find anywhere. They have crooked lawyers' crooked lawyers, admired throughout the underworld, and help craft language. And then here I come, who don't even like the bill, who must try to help make it say what they say they're trying to do. So for those who are interested, you can turn to your gadget, and you will see what I am offering. I could say "humbly," but that's not true. I'm kind of offering it defiantly and mockingly and tauntingly. Senator Cornett, because she's new, has more sense than most of her colleagues, and she can see the value and appropriateness of an amendment, even from me, when it's offered to her bill. So here's what my language would do. There is material in her amendment that talks about a person having eligibility to be granted access to classified information. I would add this language after the word "information": and who actually handles classified information in performance of his or her duties. Then you're not talking about somebody who may have the eligibility for...to have this access, but who, in the work, does not actually do anything as far as handling the classified information. If I wanted to just take time, I could have offered motions and nonsensical amendments to just take the time. But in a previous discussion that Senator Cornett and I had, I mentioned this type of language. Without it, all the taxpayer would have to do is have eligibility to have access to classified information. That person, in the work being done, would not have to handle any classified information. I'm listening to what we are told, and what the rationale for the bill was. Until I brought up the groundskeeper example the other day, nobody supporting the bill had talked about groundskeepers or others who might work for a company that was certified to handle classified information. But nothing had said the taxpayer who's going to get the tax break would have to have that type of standing. If the bill was to bring that particular type of person with those qualifications here to do the work, there should be something in the bill that zeroes in on those kind of people. Senator Cornett, in attempting to meet that objection that I had raised, brought some language to us which would say that the individual who's going to be granted the tax boondoggle...she didn't call it a boondoggle. It didn't occur to her at the time. We'll see what she calls it next time she speaks. That person would have to have eligibility, meet